



# TERREBONNE PARISH

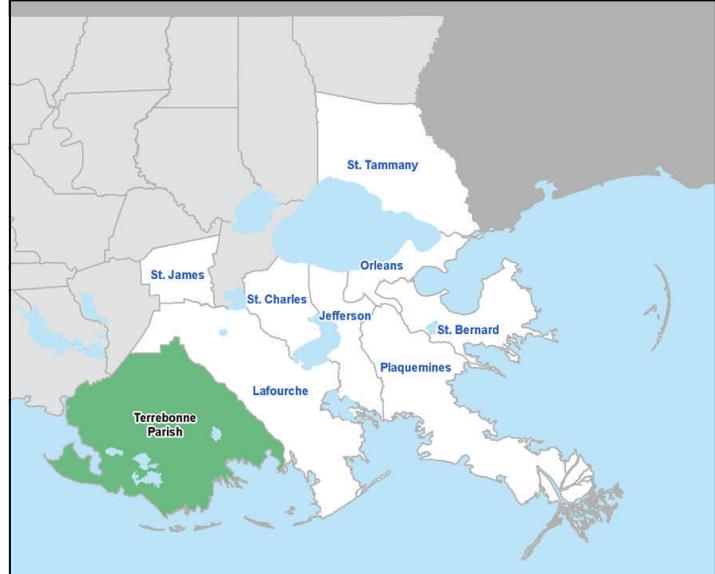
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## COMPLETION REPORT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT A GLANCE	
2	Drinking Water Plant Assessments
101	Wastewater Facility Assessments
35	Industry Damage Assessments
258	Hazardous Materials Containers Collected
3,438	# of Appliances from which Freon was Extracted
49	School Lab Assessments

Since September 2005, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) have worked together to address environmental hazards from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to help Terrebonne Parish recover.

One of EPA and LDEQ's first priorities was to ensure residents returning to all the cities affected by the hurricanes had safe drinking water. Throughout Terrebonne Parish, two assessment were conducted at drinking water facilities. Similarly, 101 wastewater treatment plants were assessed for damage.



Next, EPA and LDEQ turned to federally-permitted facilities. The agencies conducted interviews and site visits at hazardous waste storage, transfer or disposal facilities through March 2006. During this time, facilities in southern Louisiana were addressed, including 35 facilities in Terrebonne Parish. The site visits and interviews established that employees could return to work at facilities operating in accordance with federal and state regulations.

Because of concerns that damaged chemicals in school biology and chemistry laboratories could cause a health hazard, EPA and LDEQ conducted assessments at schools in southern Louisiana. Some chemical containers were found to be damaged by the hurricanes, by flood waters and/or from heat exposure. EPA and LDEQ, in coordination with the Louisiana State Police and local fire departments, removed dangerous chemicals from schools in southern Louisiana. Forty-nine schools in Terrebonne Parish were assessed; chemicals were removed from six of them.



Above: EPA assessing a school chemistry lab.  
Right: EPA collecting household hazardous waste for disposal or recycle.

